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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

July 31, 2017

Somerville 75 Washington Street LLC 40 Edwards Street Medford, MA 02155

75 Washington Street Condominiums LLC Richard DiGirolamo 150 Cambridgepark Drive, Ste 703

Cambridge, MA 02140

424 Broadway Somerville, MA-021

Re: Demolition of 75 Washington Street, Somerville, MA

Determined NOT Significant

Sirs,

Staff on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission on July 31, 2017 has determined that the circa 1925 and 1939 concrete block garages at 75 Washington Street is NOT 'Significant,' in accordance with Section 2.17.B of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2003-05. While the building is "at least 50 years old," it is not a significant building or structure after finding that the building or structure is neither:

- i. "Importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the City or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, nor
- ii. "Historically or architecturally significant (in terms of period, style, method of building construction, or association with a reputed architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings or structures, and therefore it is in the public interest to be preserved or rehabilitated rather than to be demolished."

While the concrete block garages were constructed circa 1925 and 1939, no particular associations to events or persons of citywide importance were found.

In accordance with Section 4.2.i of the Demolition Review Ordinance, "If the Commission determines that the building or structure is not a 'Significant' building or structure... The Applicant will not be required to take any further steps and the permit may be granted by the Building Inspector."

Please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2534 if you have questions or need additional information regarding this determination.

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